

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (previously presented) A process for preparing a treated immobilized enzyme, which comprises the steps of:

- i) immobilizing an enzyme used for decomposing oil and fat on a carrier by adsorption,
- ii) without drying, bringing the immobilized enzyme into contact with 800 to 5,000% by weight based on the weight of said carrier, a fatty acid triglyceride, a fatty acid partial glyceride or mixtures thereof,

wherein the moisture content of the enzyme after contacting with said fatty acid triglyceride, said fatty acid partial glyceride or said mixture is 5% to 50% by weight based on the weight of the carrier.

Claim 2 (canceled)

3. (currently amended) A process for preparing a treated immobilized enzyme, which comprises the steps of:

- i) immobilizing an enzyme used for decomposing oil and fat on a carrier by adsorption,
- ii) without directly drying, ~~by~~ bringing the immobilized enzyme into contact with a composition consisting essentially of at least one of a fatty acid, fatty acid triglyceride, fatty acid partial glyceride, or mixtures thereof in an amount of 20% to 3000% by weight, based on the weight of the carrier, and

iii) dehydrating the immobilized enzyme, wherein the moisture content of the immobilized enzyme is 1% to 50% by weight based on the weight of the carrier.

4. (original) The process for preparing an immobilized enzyme as defined in Claim 3, wherein the fatty acid, fatty acid triglyceride or fatty acid partial glyceride which is brought into contact with the immobilized enzyme is an oil phase substrate of the enzyme.

5. (original) The process for preparing an immobilized enzyme as defined in Claim 1, wherein the fatty acid triglyceride or fatty acid partial glyceride which is brought into contact with the immobilized enzyme is an oil phase substrate of the enzyme.

6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) The process of claim 3, wherein dehydrating is by at least one method selected from the group consisting of using molecular sieves and treating under reduced pressure.

8. (new) The process of claim 3, further comprising storing said immobilized enzyme after dehydrating.